GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:193
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2002
URBAN HAATS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched a new scheme of `Urban Haats` for providing direct marketing facilities to artisans and weavers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of urban haats set up alongwith the benefits given to weavers and artisans;

(d) whether any financial assistance is being given to the States under the scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof State-wise during each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES(SHRI KASHIRAM RANA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.193 for answer on 15.3.2002

(a): Yes, Sir. A new scheme of `Urban Haat` for providing direct marketing facilities to artisans and weavers was launched during the year 1998-1999.
(b): The scheme envisages setting up of Haats at prime urban locations of the country where tourism, tradition, culture and craft creation flourish together. The prime objective of the scheme is to provide direct marketing avenues to craftpersons/weavers by eliminating middle agencies. The scheme entails capital cost upto Rs.200.00 lakhs, out of which 70% is provided by the Government of India and the balance 30% by the respective State Governments.The responsibility of providing developed land measuring not less than 18,000 sq.m. rest with the concerned State Government. The scheme is being implemented through State Handicrafts/Handloom Development Corporations/Tourism Development Corporations in consultation with the respective State Government.

(c): Till date approval has been accorded for setting up of thirteen (13) Urban Haats at Ahmedabad, Agra, Bhubaneshwar, Kolkata, Ranchi, Karnal, Bhopal, Jammu, Tirupati, Agartala, Jodhpur, Jaipur and Raipur.Once completed each Urban Haat shall provide direct marketing opportunity to nearly 2200 artisans/weavers per annum. At present, only one Urban Haat at Tirupati has become functional with w.e.f 24.9.2001. So far 269 artisans had been benefited by way of their participation in craft bazars organised at Tirupati Urban Haat.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. The financial assistance provided to various states for setting up of Urban Haats during the last three years is as under:-
(Rs. In Lakhs)

S.No.	Name of the States	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	-	29.00	20.00	49.00
2	Jharkhand	-	31.67	20.00	51.67
3	Chhattisgarh	-	-	-	-
4	Gujarat	34.75	-	15.00	49.75
5	Haryana	-	20.70	20.00	40.70
6	J&K	-	23.00	15.00	38.00
7	Madhya Pradesh	-	-	-	-
8	Rajasthan	-	-	-	-
9	Orissa	34.40	5.00	10.00	49.40
10	Tripura	-	-	-	-
11	Uttar Pradesh	33.80	-	-	33.80
12	West Bengal	-	35.62	15.00	50.62